

# **KENTUCKY BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE**

**(Summary Version)**

## **MINUTES**

October 13, 2004

A regular meeting of the Kentucky Board of Respiratory Care was held at 301 E. Main Street, Suite 850, Lexington, KY on Wednesday, October 13, 2004.

### **Continuing Education**

Chairman Floro requested the Board's review for a respiratory therapist requesting active status after being out of the profession 5 to 10 years. Ms. Moore presented a letter from a CRTT and Lead Therapist of Cardinal Hill Specialty Hospital in Ft. Thomas, KY. The therapist supports more competency standards for a therapist after a 5-year absence. A regulation from the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts was reviewed wherein they ask for twenty-four CEU's up front for any therapist who has been absent for 5 years in the respiratory field.

### **NBRC Annual Licensure Meeting**

Ms. Vogt gave a report of the annual NBRC Licensure Meeting. Ms. Vogt, Ms. Moore and Ms. Lalonde-Mooney represented the KBRC at the meeting in Kansas City, Missouri on September 10-11. Ms. Vogt advised the main issue remains to be polysomnography. Most states are thinking of or have already set into motion some type of dialogue with the sleep professionals in their respective states for licensure.

There are approximately 35,000-licensed respiratory therapists in the United States. Hawaii and Alaska are the only states that do not have licensure at this time. Ms. Vogt felt the meeting was very informative and provided a deeper insight into the issues faced by the governing boards.

### **Agreed Order-Priscilla Little – Update on Agreed Order**

Chairman Floro presented as an FYI the updates received pursuant to the Agreed Order of Priscilla Little. Chairman Floro stated Ms. Little remains in compliance with her Agreed Order.

### **Angela Robinson Glover – Update on Agreed Order**

Chairman Floro presented as an FYI the updates received pursuant to the Agreed Order of Angela Robinson Glover. Ms. Glover is in compliance with her Agreed Order.

**Kathleen Dodd KY# 0910 – Agreed Order Approved**

Chairman Floro presented an Agreed Order signed by Kathleen Dodd. Ms. Lalonde-Mooney had drafted the Agreed Order and mailed it to Ms. Dodd for review and signing pursuant to the Board directive.

Dr. B.T. Westerfield made a motion for the Board to accept the terms of the agreed order for Ms. Dodd and to include under the provision number 3 a requirement that Ms. Dodd shall submit to (6) random drug screens a year at her expense. Klaus Becker seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Tonya Conkwright - KY# 1265 Request for Reinstatement**

Ms. Moore told the Board she did not have any new information to present from Ms. Conkwright. Ms. Conkwright failed to respond to a Board request for additional information regarding her “violation of probation in 1998 and 2000” as revealed on the Application for Reinstatement.

The Board requested a second letter be sent to Ms. Conkwright with a copy of the August 25, 2004 letter attached. Ms. Moore will pen a letter to Ms. Conkwright requesting a response to the Board’s directive of August 25, 2004 no later than December 10, 2004 or her Application for Reinstatement and fee of \$70 will not be acted on by the Board.

**Complaints**

Pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (c) and (j), Bryan Tudor made a motion for the Board to go into closed session to discussed proposed or pending litigation and individual adjudications. The motion was seconded by Dr. Westerfield, and carried unanimously.

**Matthew Mattes KY # 2666**

Bryan Tudor made a motion to continue the investigation of Matthew Mattes pending the outcome of his criminal case; motion was seconded by Janet Vogt and carried unanimously.

**Stephen N. Conn KY # 2666**

Bryan Tudor made a motion in lieu of a hearing, to accept the Agreed Order from Mr. Conn. Mr. Conn’s license is surrendered as permanently revoked and he shall not apply for reinstatement of his license in the future. Motion was seconded by Klaus Becker and carried unanimously.

**RoxAnne Vaughn KY # 4481**

Bryan Tudor made a motion to continue the investigation; motion was seconded by Klaus Becker and carried unanimously.

**Kayla Rose Memo**

Kayla Rose sent a memo to make the Board aware of an issue regarding CEU's , that she has come across in her role as Assistant Director/Education Coordinator for the NEAHEC. The KBN awards one (1) hour of credit to 50 minutes of instruction. For example a program the KBN might approve for 6 Cue's (50 minutes x 6 hours = 300 minutes of instruction) is really only a five (5) hour program by KBRC standards.

Mr. Tudor agreed Ms. Rose was correct in her assessment of the CEU credits. Mr. Floro stated the KBRC would have to adjust CEU hours sponsored by groups that calculate their CEU's different from our own.

**Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2005**

Dr. Westerfield stated he did not feel comfortable electing a new Chair and Vice-Chair until the new members were appointed to replace Tom Floro and Steve Conn. He suggested the Board await appointment of the new members and elect new leadership at the December 2004 meeting to serve the KBRC during 2005.

Ms. Lalonde-Mooney suggested that the Board may wish to consider elections this month, because the Board will be disadvantaged if Mr. Floro's (currently President) and Mr. Conn's (Vice President prior to his resignation) replacements are made by the Governor in a timely fashion. Since the President of the Board must co-sign or author many documents that are generated from the Board office and the current President could be replaced before the next meeting, there is a lot of work in the Board office that could not be done until a new President is appointed. After a lengthy discussion, the Board entertained nominations for a Chair. Mr. Becker made a motion to nominating Janet Vogt to serve as Chair for 2005; seconded by Bryan Tudor. With no other nominations Janet Vogt will commence duties as Chair of the KBRC at the December 16, 2004 meeting or sooner depending on whether Mr. Floro is replaced by a new member before the December meeting.

Janet Vogt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m.; seconded by Klaus Becker. Motion carried unanimously.

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Thomas G. Floro, Chairman

